

Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2014

Board of Health

Dr. Mahesh Karamchandani, Chairperson
Nancy Mullett, Vice Chairperson
Mary Jo Byrne
Rick Hensley

Health Department

Michelle Datema
Deb Metzgar
James Rutherford, Health Officer

Other

County Administration

Absent

Amy Davis
Kathy-Sue Dunn, County Commissioner
Ronnie Sims

Meeting called to order

Karamchandani called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

Agenda

Mullett motioned for agenda approval. Hensley seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Hensley motioned for approval of the consent agenda, Byrne seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment

Presentation

Michelle Datema presented an update on the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program. The presentation included:

- NFP goals are to improve pregnancy outcomes, improve child health and development, and improve parents' economic self-sufficiency.
- The CCPHD NFP program has a team of four nurses whose role is home visiting with clients. NFP begins servicing clients during pregnancy. To qualify for NFP services, clients must be a first-time mother meeting low-income guidelines. NFP services continue until the child is two years of age. NFP nurses visit clients weekly during the first four weeks, every other week until the end of pregnancy, weekly for six weeks after the baby is born, and mostly every other week for the remainder of the time.
- NFP has one nurse that spends half of her time on home visits and the other half on breastfeeding support.
- During the past year NFP served 126 clients and 97 children.

- A second annual graduation event was held on August 22, 2014.
- The CCPHD NFP program has been successful in meeting Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) targets for premature birth, low birth weight, and subsequent pregnancy at 24 months postpartum.
- NFP nurses have become certified Lactation Specialists in order to provide education, support, and troubleshooting during regularly scheduled home visits with mothers.

Health Officer Report

Rutherford presented the Health Officer Report. The report included:

- Ebola update: The CCPHD held a meeting on Friday with key people in the community with the intent of developing a unified and coordinated local plan for addressing a positive Ebola case in Calhoun County. The CCPHD will be sending information to the media as needed.
- Currently, there are no positive cases of Enterovirus in Calhoun County. The total number of cases will most likely drop off by late fall to early winter.
- Kalamazoo River Oil Spill update: The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has become the lead regulatory agency, in charge of long term monitoring and sampling.
- The CCPHD applied for a grant to fund a new school based health center to be located at Lakeview Middle School. Application results should be known by the end of November.
- Active shooter training was held at the CCPHD recently. Many staff have indicated that this training was very good and well worth the time spent on the live activities.

Question was asked as to the status of the residence in Athens that had environmental concerns. The owners have complied with the Environmental Health issues, such as proper sewage disposal, potable water supply, and removal of dead animal carcasses. There remain a lot of issues that need to be addressed by the township, such as electrical wiring.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

For a copy of the presentation or the Health Officer report, please contact Deb Metzgar at 269-969-6463 or via email at dmetzgar@calhouncountymi.gov